Get outtathaway! Here's comes Craig again... The Vines, shortly before Nicholls' set-destroying antics

Vines trash Letterman show

PRIMETIME US TV PERFORMANCE ENDS IN CHAOS

The Vines warmed up for their appearance at the Reading/Leeds festivals with an incendiary, set-destroying slot on *The Late Show With David Letterman*.

Performing on the US network show last Monday (August 19), the band played 'Get Free' as a three-piece. Frontman Craig Nicholls was in particularly inspired form.

Wearing a customised T-shirt that read 'Sweet Sweet Sweet', he spent the two-minute track bellowing in his best Kurt Cobain screech and rolling around on the floor before smashing his guitar and then the drumkit. After taking a dive over Letterman's guest sofa he finished on his hands and knees pushing his forehead along the floor.

Vines fan Amy from West Virginia emailed *NME*: "I think I may have witnessed a Craig Nicholls breakdown, I'm not sure. Craig was screaming, everything seemed to be in order. Then he rolled around on the floor, causing his guitar to go severely out of tune.

"It all fell apart from there, ending with Craig throwing his guitar into the drums. I wasn't even sure they would finish the song. Now, being stuck here in the middle of West Virginia, I have not had the chance to see them live, so maybe this was a normal performance for them."

NME understands that Craig's strange performance was simply due to nerves. There was no interview with Letterman following the performance.